

**Housing Subcommittee Meeting - May 21 at 3:00 p.m. Notes/Synopsis**  
**Submitted by Councilmember Montano 5/24/19**

Review of county's vision of supporting housing called "Ending Homelessness" 2018 from staff and how our city has been working in conjunction with the county to address those same issues.

Needs of our City's most vulnerable.

Forming a plan to alleviate the high cost of rent to our working families. Ideas include:

1. Create an emergency fund under the auspices of the Housing Authority (HA). We discussed ways the HA can be used as a funding source to help families under economic stress. Funding the HA will include Air B&B TOT revenues. The goal is to build up the HA fund and find creative solutions for relief. Staff is looking into RDA/HA bylaws.
2. Continue coordinating with Project Sentinel in tenant-landlord mitigation, using the Fremont model.
3. Partner with outside sources such as Catholic Charities, Milpitas Cares faith based coalition, SCC Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity, Abode, VTA, and others.
4. Food Pantry referral and First 5 Family Resource Centers.
5. Coordinate with school district regarding families on free & reduced lunch and address the needs of the homeless families/students together.
6. Seek grants from government agencies and corporations.
7. Find abandoned/neglected land for possible purchase with HA funds, Councilmember Nunez brought up Bonds as another possible funding source for the HA.
8. Create a waiting list for the future 110 Sango Court affordable housing units.
9. Create ways to provide emergency utility loans or subsidize water & garbage utilities through the emergency "lifeline" fund.
10. Provide summer jobs to very low income students to help the family unit.
11. We spoke of Sunnyhills Apartments on what the city has done thus far, how much it would cost to purchase it (About \$50 million) and look if the county wanted to buy it if the owner wanted to sell.
12. Continue monitoring existing BMR affordable units of the 15% affordable housing stock.

This is a work in progress and staff is currently researching these ideas.